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Dear Mr. Gough:

Thank you for sending along your very thorough commentary on the release of the agreement between the Kennedy family and the Archives. There is one point that I should have explained in my article, and I am glad that you brought it to my attention. Dr. Bahmer explained to me that Mr. Marshall asked initially that the agreement be kept confidential. But after the Freedom of Information Act was passed by Congress last year, Dr. Bahmer felt that he had no alternative but to release it.

Why did he wait until Jan. 5 to do so? Because nobody asked him until then. I became curious when I read the quoted statement in Miss Meagher's book. I asked him for the text, he informed Mr. Marshall that it was being released, and he gave it to me.

As for the typo in "Accessories After the Fact," I can assure you that, after Miss Meagher, I was more irked than anyone--including you. Please keep me informed of anything you turn up.

Very sincerely,

Fred Graham